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SUBJECT: IDF RETENTION NEGOTIATIONS - MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

REF: (A) REYKJAVIK 1293; (B) REYKJAVIK 1294;

(C) REYKJAVIK 1285 PARA 6.

1. THIS TELEGRAM IS THE LAST OF THREE IN SERIES ON WHICH
URGENT DEPT ANSWERS REQUIRED.

2. THERE FOLLOWS A SUGGZSTED MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD
WHICH HANS ANDERSEN AND I DRAFTED THIS AFTERNOON:

BEGIN QUOTE:

A. THE IDF WILL REDUCE ITS AMERICAN MILITARY
PERSONNEL STRENGTH FROM THE PRESENT TOTAL NUMBER OF 3317
BY 420, TO BE REPLACED BY QUALIFIED ICELANDIC PERSONNEL
AS SUCH PERSONNEL BECOME AVAILABLE. THE UNITED STATES
GOVERNMENT WILL TRAIN ICELANDERS FOR THESE POSITIONS, AS
REQUIRED.

B. THE USG WILL SEEK APPROPRIATIONS FOR HOUSING
CONSTRUCTION IN FISCAL YEARS 1975, 76 AND 77, WITH THE
ULTIMATE OBJECTIVE OF PROVIDING ON-BASE HOUSING FOR ALL
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UNITED STATES MILITARY PERSONNEL. THE UNITED STATES

ANTICIPATES THAT AFTER THE REDUCTIONS MENTIONED ABOVE ARE ACCOMPLISHED, THE ADDITIONAL ON-BASE HOUSING UNITS REQUIREMENTS WILL NUMBER 468 UNITS. AS AN INDICATION OF THE GOOD INTENTION OF THE UNITED STATES, THERE HAS ALREADY BEEN INCLUDED IN THE FISCAL YEAR 1975 BUDGET A REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATIONS FOR 200 HOUSING UNITS IN ANTICIPATION OF THE SIGNING OF THE EXCHANGE OF NOTES AND THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.

C. THE USG WILL CONSIDER MEANS OF COOPERATING WITH THE GOI IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED SEPARATION OF AREAS BETWEEN THE MILITARY AND CIVILIAN AIR FUNCTIONS. IN THIS REGARD, THE USG WILL UNDERTAKE TO COOPERATE IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW TERMINAL COMPLEX, SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS AND MILITARY REQUIREMENTS. IN THIS CONNECTION, THERE WAS DISCUSSED THE USG FINANCING OF THE TAXIWAYS AND RAMP, ROADS, INCLUDING AN ACCESS ROAD, AND THE REHABILITATION OF THE REFUELING SYSTEM.

D. THE USG AGREES TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF PURCHASING GEOTHERMAL HEAT FOR USE BY THE IDF IN THE EVENT SUCH SERVICE IS MADE AVAILABLE BY THE GOI IN THE REYKJANES PENINSULA AREA.

E. THE TWO GOVERNMENTS WILL STUDY WAYS TO FURTHER THE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE IDF AND THE ICELANDIC COAST GUARD, POLICE, CIVIL DEFENSE, AND CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITIES.

F. DISCUSSIONS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREED ADJUSTMENTS STATED HEREIN WILL BE HELD BETWEEN THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF ICELAND AND HIS DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE ON THE ONE HAND, AND THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO ICELAND AND THE COMMANDER OF THE ICELAND DEFENSE FORCE ON THE OTHER.

3. COMMENT: ANDERSEN AND I WOULD WELCOME DEPT'S SUGGESTIONS ON PHRASEOLOGY, BUT REQUEST THAT THE FINISHED PRODUCT BE EASILY UNDERSTOOD BY THE ICELANDERS. PLEASE NOTE THAT IN LAST POINT THE WORD "REPRESENTATIVE" CONFIDENTIAL

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IS SINGULAR AND FOR INTRA-MFA RELATIONSHIPS MUST AT THIS POINT IN TIME, AT ANY RATE, REMAIN SINGULAR.

4. NEXT TELEGRAM WILL CONTAIN SUGGESTIONS ON SCENARIO PROCEDURE AND DRAFT OF FONMIN'S OPENING STATEMENT. IRVING

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